4. *Acquisition of land.*—The Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board has taken action to acquire about 300 acres of land near Almatti for the factory.

5. *Railway facilities.*—The South Central Railway Authorities have agreed to give the requisite Railway facilities.

6. *Coal Requirements.*—The Singareni Collieries Ltd., have agreed to supply the coal requirements.

7. *Power Requirements.*—The Karnataka Electricity Board have been requested to confirm the supply of the requirements of electricity and their confirmation is awaited.

8. The promoters have approached KSIIDC for proposing that the project be taken up in Joint Sector. This subject has been considered by the Board of Directors of KSIIDC recently who have recommended to the Government for supporting the venture in Joint Sector with KSIIDC subject to the Government of Karnataka providing funds to the extent of Rs. 3 crores as the finances of the corporation do not permit actively supporting such big venture.

(b) The location decided for setting up the plant is near Almatti Railway Station in Bijapur District and about 300 acres of land is proposed to be acquired for setting up of the above factory.

(c) It is ascertained from the promoters that they have so far collected Rs. 1. 25 lakhs as share capital.

(d) The gestation period for a big cement plant is around 3-4 years and if everything goes according to shedule this plant may start production in about 4 years from the date of taking effective steps to set up the unit.

Providing more facilities at Tourist Centres in Karnataka

965 SRI B. H. LAKSHMANAIAH (Belur).—Will the Minister for Transport and Tourism be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Tourist Traffic is increasing year by year at Belur, Halebid and Shravanabelagola.

(b) if so, what more facilities the Government has provided to the Tourist with a view to attract more number of tourists to these places.

(c) whether the Government is aware that the ITDC has neglected Karnataka Tourist Centre in providing facilities to the tourist when compared to the facilities provided at North Indian Tourist Centres.

(d) if so, what steps the Government has taken to impress upon the Central Government to the need for providing more facilities at Tourist Centre in Karnataka.

(e) whether there is any proposal before the Government to provide vegetarian and non-vegetarian boarding as also lodging facilities at Halebid to cater to the tourists who come from distant places.

(f) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to open the proposed Museum and constructing of a Youth Hostel Building at Halebid ?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Minister for Transport and Tourism).—

(a) Yes.

(b) A Tourist Canteen at Shravanabelagola has already been opened and a coffee Kiosk at Halebid and Belur are being opened.

(c) No.

(d) The Government of India has been requested to take up the following schemes.

1. Development of Mysore Complex.

2. Development of Badami, Aihole, Pattadkal and Hampi.

In addition to these, the following schemes are proposed to be undertaken in the central sector :

(i) Tourist lodge at Bandipur.

(ii) Provision of generators/film projectors/transport etc., for the Lodge.

(iii) Expansion of Lalithamahal Palace Hotel, Mysore by adding 28 rooms/44 beds.

(iv) Construction of Travellers Lodge at Hampi.

(e) Yes.

(f) At Halebid, one Musium is established which is open to public. There are no proposals to construct Youth Hostel at Halebid.

Non-release of Money to the Channagiri Water Supply Scheme

1070 SRI J. H. PATEL.—Will the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state.—

the reasons for not releasing money to the water supply scheme of channagiri Town Municipality inspite of the fact the same has been sanctioned about six months back ?